

CERAMIC PACKING ELEMENT WITH ENLARGED FLUID FLOW PASSAGES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[00041] A ceramic packing element (10) has an essentially cylindrical structure (12) with a plane of symmetry in a direction defining a length (L) of the element and a greatest dimension (D) perpendicular to the length defining a diameter of the element. The element has a plurality of internal septa (16) defining a plurality of passages (18) through the element. The element has an open face area which is from 40-80%.